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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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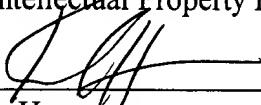
By Office Action mailed March 8, 2002, and pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, the Examiner has entered a Restriction Requirement between claims 1-11 and 22-40 directed to treating diabetes (Group I), claims 12-18 directed to detecting (Group II) and claims 1-11 and 22-40 directed to isolating (Group III).

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to continue prosecution of the Group I claim directed to methods for treating diabetes.

In addition, and for purpose of initial examination only, Applicants hereby elect the species identified as "Cpd. No. 1" at page 43 of the specification. The structure recited in claim 25 is generic to this species, while claims 27-34 read thereon.

In view of the above comments, consideration of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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